

METAL / NONMETAL Serious Accident

Underground Silver Mine – A miner was operating a mucker when he hooked something on the left rib as he lifted the bucket. The back end of the machine came off of the track, tipped and pinned him between the rib and the mucker. The miner received serious back injuries as a result.



Best Practices

- Mobile equipment operators should maintain control of their equipment at all times.
- Stay alert while operating mobile equipment.
- Ensure that mobile equipment operators are adequately task trained in all phases of mobile equipment operation before performing work.
- Ensure that table stops are set to keep the mucker bucket from contacting the rib.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on the installation of the rail.
- Install rail stops to keep the mucker from over traveling the end of the track.
- Make sure that air pressure to the mucker does not exceed the maximum pressure recommended by the manufacturer.
- When training prospective mucker operators, use the manufacturer's manual.

